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written approval. Such request must be made in writing to the Secretary.

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APPENDIX A TO PART 3002—POSTAL RATE COMMISSION, MISSION STATE-MENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CON-SUMER ADVOCATE

The mission of the Office of the Consumer Advocate is to be a vigorous, responsive, and effective advocate for reasonable and equitable treatment of the general public in proceedings before the Postal Rate Commission.

In furtherance of this mission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate will:

- 1. Give a strong and consistent voice to the views of consumers, especially those that are not otherwise represented in Commission proceedings;
- 2. Argue for equity on behalf of individuals and small businesses, both as senders and as recipients of mail and mail services;
- 3. Utilize all means and procedures available under the Commission's rules and applicable law to present evidence and arguments on behalf of consumers in Commission pro-
- 4. Assist in the development of a complete record on issues pending before the Commission;
- 5. Engage in dialogue with parties or participants in proceedings before the Commission to advance the interests of consumers;
- 6. Encourage the equitable settlement of issues among the parties and participants in proceedings whenever possible;
- 7. Promote fair competition between the United States Postal Service and its competitors for the ultimate benefit of consumers:
- 8. Seek out responsible advocates of consumer interests and encourage their participation in Commission cases;
- 9. Maintain the highest standards of competence and quality in all evidence and pleadings submitted to the Commission; and
- 10. Maintain separation and independence from the Commission and its advisory staff in the course of proceedings before the Commission.

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PART 3003—PRIVACY ACT RULES

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AUTHORITY: Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579), 5 U.S.C. 552a.

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§ 3003.1 Purpose and scope.

This part implements the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing Commission policies and procedures that permit individuals to obtain access to and request amendment of information about themselves that is maintained in systems of records. This part does not expand or restrict any rights granted under the Privacy Act of 1974.

§ 3003.2 Definitions.

For purposes of this part:

- (a) Commission means the Postal Rate Commission.
- (b) Individual, record, and system of records have the meanings specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(a).
- (c) Day means a calendar day and does not include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

§3003.3 Procedures for requesting inspection, copying, or correction.

- (a) An individual who-
- (1) Wishes to know whether a Commission system of records contains a record about him or her,
- (2) Seeks access to a Commission record about him or her that is maintained in a system of records (including the accounting of disclosures), or
- (3) Seeks to amend a record about him or her that is maintained in a system of records, may file a written request with the chief administrative officer of the Commission at the Commission's current address (1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001). The request should state on the outside of the envelope and in the request that it is a Privacy Act request.
- (b) A request for amendment must describe the information sought to be amended and the specific reasons for the amendment.
 - (c) A requester—